

staffer, she drafted speeches, opinion articles, and statements, produced digital media content, and communicated with members of the national and South Florida press.

Meagan hails from South Carolina and is a graduate of Winthrop University, located in the city of Rock Hill. She has previously served as a public-school English teacher and is the proud daughter of Anthony and Amy Holland.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Meagan Holland for her extraordinary accomplishments and commitment to public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIROSHI MIYAMURA FOR NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY 2022

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Hiroshi H. "Hershey" Miyamura of Gallup, New Mexico for his incredible life of service to our nation and in honor of tomorrow's National Medal of Honor Day.

At a time when Japanese Americans faced widespread persecution, Mr. Miyamura bravely volunteered to serve in the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, during World War II.

Mr. Miyamura answered the call to service again during the Korean War and proved himself to be a model of leadership as a Corporal in Company H, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

On the night of April 24, 1951, Company H was ambushed by enemy forces. Aware of the imminent danger to him and his men, Mr. Miyamura ordered the squad to fall back while he remained to cover their movement.

Courageously fighting off more than 50 enemy combatants by himself, Mr. Miyamura gave his squad enough time to escape and was captured as a Prisoner of War (POW).

As a POW, Mr. Miyamura was forced to march 300 miles over five weeks. He then endured 28 months in a POW camp with little food or water.

Following his release in 1953, Mr. Miyamura was presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Dwight D. Eisenhower for his tremendous display of fortitude and heroism.

Since his discharge from the military service, Mr. Miyamura remains a staunch advocate for his fellow veterans and his community.

I'm proud to serve Mr. Miyamura in Congress and recognize him for his invaluable service, both as a wartime hero and peacetime mentor, to the State of New Mexico and to the United States of America.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOEY BLAZE FOR WINNING THE DIVISION I WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school wrestler in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Joey Blaze, a junior at Perrysburg High School, has represented his school ably on his way to achieving his second Division I State Wrestling Title. Joey overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in his effort to win the Division I State Wrestling Championship.

In pursuing the State Championship, Joey Blaze defeated his opponent in the finals of the 144-pound classification. His hard work and dedication, both on and off the mat, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding. Joey led his team to rank second place overall in the championship. He has achieved an impressive season record bringing pride to his school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Joey Blaze of Perrysburg High School. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

HONORING VIVIAN RODRIGUEZ FOR HER LIFELONG CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, as Outreach Director for Florida's 9th Congressional District, Vivian Rodriguez served as a Federal liaison to Central Florida constituents and community leaders. Her dedication to underserved communities helped to elevate their voices and concerns. During her tenure, Ms. Rodriguez organized hundreds of outreach meetings and community events. She proudly recognized community leaders who selflessly gave their time to benefit Central Florida at multiple cultural events each year.

Ms. Rodriguez worked to support our office's belief in combatting social injustice by organizing advisory committee panels to identify areas within our community that needed improvement from criminal justice, Hispanic, and LGBTQ+ priorities. Following the devastation from Hurricane Maria, Ms. Rodriguez united community leaders to help thousands of people transition into our Central Florida community from Puerto Rico.

One of Ms. Rodriguez's greatest accomplishments was working with the LGBTQ+ community to designate Pulse as a National Memorial. Her efforts will honor the victims' families, survivors, and Central Florida community forever. She also drafted letters of support to increase our community's resources during the global health pandemic. Her actions helped boost our community vaccination numbers and improve COVID-19 testing availability.

Today, we celebrate her lifelong career in public service, which began at the New York City Police Department where she was committed to protecting her community, especially following the 9/11 attack. She later worked as a consultant to the Department of Homeland Security before serving Central Florida as Outreach Director for Florida's 9th Congressional District. We are grateful for Vivian's commitment to serving our community and wish her the best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE H.E.A.R.T.S. MUSEUM AND THEIR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE VETERAN MEMORIES

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum in Huntsville, Texas, as it dedicates its replica of the Vietnam Wall Memorial. This wall is a powerful and emotional reminder of our fallen soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice valiantly defending human life and freedom in the Vietnam War.

The H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum represents a three-decade commemorative community effort born from a humble window front display. Who knew that a single patriotic gesture would result in a permanent museum preserving the names and memories of the men and women who did not make it home from the battlefields of Vietnam.

The museum began as a traveling student education program, but the mission of H.E.A.R.T.S. quickly brought the community together. The permanent location in Huntsville opened its doors on Veteran's Day in 2009. Spurred by one respectful and reflective gesture, this effort by the Huntsville community truly exemplifies the H.E.A.R.T.S. mission to Help Every American Remember Through Serving.

Today, the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum is a living time capsule that showcases, salutes, and immortalizes our nation's heroes and their contributions. Veterans are the heartbeat of freedom, and this addition will serve as a powerful reminder that our freedom is not free.

I am proud to congratulate the H.E.A.R.T.S. museum on the completion of their replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. This 370-foot-long, eight-foot-tall replica serves to honor our veterans who stepped up to the call of duty and gave their lives for the sake of liberty and justice for all. Their names, forever carved in stone, represent a small token of our gratitude and deep appreciation for their sacrifice. Families and veterans from across Texas and neighboring states can visit this wall to honor the 2,700,000 men and women who served in the Vietnam War.

I am proud to join my community to recognize the dedication of this deeply moving memorial and congratulate the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum on all the work they have done to honor the brave service members, living and deceased, who fought in the Vietnam War.